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Dear Dan:

I wanted to write you a letter on the Ted O'Leary-Bob Allen situation the first of the week, and I thought I would get a chance to do it sooner, but it seems as if I just do not have enough time.

Please refer to the January 16 issue of C.E. McBride's sporting comment in which he says "Jack Lippert, the little Trojan guard who fumbled away the N.C.A.A. championship in the Auditorium, last March, shot eight buckets against U.C.L.A. recently."

Mac's article on Sam Barry a week or so ago quoted Sam as saying Jack Lippert fumbled away the ball. You can quote me if you want to. I will give you the correct version of this.

Maybe it was Jack Lippert, but I thought it was Vaughn, the star of U.S.C. that lost the ball, but I will let it go at Lippert because Sam ought to know his men and I was not sure of it.

Just after Vaughn had shot the long goal, following Bob Allen's field goal and free throw, U.S.C. went into a stall. They were holding the ball, passing it, dribbling and hoping to take up enough time by maintaining possession until the clock would pick off the necessary seconds and the game would be over.

The ball was passed to Howard Engleman's man over near the west side of the court, about fifteen feet from the division line. Engleman reached forward to engage him and the U.S.C. man started to pivot toward the side line and toward the north goal, which was U.S.C.'s goal. Just at that time Bobby Allen, who was over near the free throw line and further east, saw the play situation at a glance and left his own man, swung around behind either Vaughn or Lippert and as this man pivoted away from Engleman, Bob stole the ball unexpectedly because this California man was not looking for us to double up on him.

Engleman, seeing Bob swipe the ball, ran down the side line and Bob, dribbling, followed him. Engleman swung to the corner and the California man between Engleman and the corner naturally retreated toward the goal. Bob swung over to draw the California defensive man toward the goal, then